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Art Unit	2839
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(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☐ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☒ Other A revision to Amendment
of 8/15/02 to include
a clean copy of claim 5.

2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)
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MIYAMOTO et al. : Group Art Unit: 2839
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Serial No: 09/779,605 : Examiner: C. Prasad
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Filed: February 9, 2001 :
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For: CONNECTING MEMBER FOR :
A SOUND GENERATOR :

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AMENDMENT PURSUANT TO 37 CFR 1.116
AS REVISED ON NOVEMBER 18, 2002

Assistant Commissioner For Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of May 16, 2002,
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Rewrite the claims as follows:

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4. (Amended) The device according to claim 5 wherein
a portion of each of the connecting spring plates other
than the base and head end connecting portions is coated
with nickel by nickel plating.

*Sub
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E*

5. (Amended) A connecting device for a sound generator
comprising:

a pair of connecting spring flat plates disposed in a
plane adjacent to the sound generator, each of the